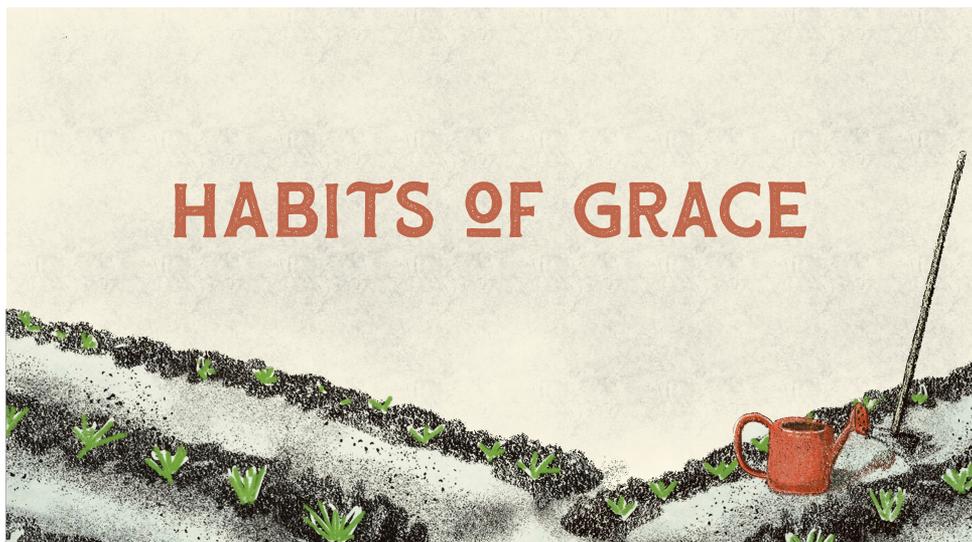




REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH



HABITS OF GRACE

July 4, 2021 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Call to Worship: Psalm 86:8-10

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

ALL: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord. For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.

Songs of Ascent

The first song we sing together guides us as we "go up" or approach the presence of God to worship Him. This song is meant to rouse us to worship and awaken our hearts.

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Call to Worship: Psalm 62:5-8

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.

Leader: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

ALL: He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Leader: On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

ALL: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

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In Christ Alone

Reading of the Law: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

While the law cannot justify us or make us righteous; it is a teacher given to lead us to Christ, the fulfiller of the law.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

We pray together, praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

Song of Repentance

In this song of repentance we acknowledge our sin and our need of a Savior.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Timothy 1:7-10

We read God's Word together and are reminded that grace and mercy are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Greeting

In Jesus, we have not only been reconciled to God, we have also been reconciled to one another. Therefore, we greet one another as brothers and sisters.

Song of Praise and Celebration

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done to save us

His Mercy Is More
Christ Be All Around Me

Worship Through Giving: Give Online at redeemerwh.org/give

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.

Announcements & Kids' Worship Dismissal

*Children **through fifth grade** are dismissed for kids' worship.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what he has done and ask him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and the world.

Proclamation of God's Word

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

Matthew 6:5-13 (see insert)

Song of Response & Sending

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Benediction

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
Both now and forevermore. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

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"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Pg. 611 (Matthew 6:5-13 ESV)

Resources

J.R. Briggs, *The Sacred Overlap*

Mark Buchanan, *Your God is Too Safe*

Justin Whitmel Earley, *The Common Rule*

Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline*

Paul Miller, *A Praying Life*

Discussion Questions

1. Do you find prayer hard? If so, why? (Hint: the right answer here is yes.)
2. What are your best practices in prayer?
3. Every behavior problem is a believing problem. Try to diagnose what wrong belief(s) are contributing to your struggling with prayer.
4. What one thing might you do this next week to make progress in prayer?

Sermon Series: Habits of Grace

Sermon Title: Prayer

Date: July 11, 2021

Introduction: *"All who have walked with God have viewed prayer as the main business of their lives... For those explorers in the frontiers of faith, prayer was no little habit tacked onto the periphery of their lives; it was their lives. It was the most serious work of their most productive years."* - Richard Foster

I. PRAY IN SECRET

"If you ask me what are the ways of God. I would tell you, the way is first humility, second humility, and third humility," - St Augustine

II. PRAY THE KINGDOM COME

"Kingdom theology is Venn diagram theology." - J.R. Briggs

III. PRAY, "OUR FATHER"

"Prayer mirrors the gospel." - Paul Miller

Announcements

Splash Bash: Our Children's Ministry is happy to announce our annual Splash Bash at **Lake Eva Water Park in Haines City** on **Saturday, August 14, from 9:30-11:30am**. Come out and help us kick-off the school year. We will be reserving the entire park so please invite friends and neighbors to this event.

Women's Summer Bible Study: Ladies, our Summer in the Psalms Bible study meets **Mondays on Zoom from 7pm-8pm, and will run through July 26**. Visit redeemerwh.org/psalms to access the Zoom room. *If prompted for a password enter "psalms"*

Women's Retreat: Ladies, registration is now open our upcoming Women's Retreat on **October 1-3, 2021**. Please visit: redeemerwh.org/retreat to register. Our speaker will be Abby Hutto, author of *God for Us*.

Get Connected: The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter (redeemerwh.org/newsletter) and our mobile app (redeemerwh.org/app).

Online Directory: Redeemer City Church's online directory is provided for Regular Attendees and Members. The great thing about this platform is that you can upload your own photo or edit your profile's information and it automatically syncs with our database. Visit redeemerwh.org/directory to access your profile.

Worship Playlists: Follow our weekly set list on *Spotify* and *Apple Music* so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic.

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GOAL: \$50,000
RECEIVED: \$14,562



PLEGGED: \$751,789
RECEIVED: \$726,121

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